

These accidents follow a dangerous 21-car Norfolk Southern derailment last October in Sandusky—in my district. There, paraffin wax spilled onto the street and washed into and clogged the town's sewer system. For nearly five months the vital main artery into Sandusky remained impassable, and Norfolk Southern has not cleaned it up.

In northern Ohio, rail is the spine of our economy. To compete in a global economy and avoid expensive supply chain delays, industrial and agricultural America should think big about modern rail. Improving rail safety, giving people more transportation options, and expanding access to national and global markets are critical to our nation's future.

But that sort of thinking is not happening. Indeed, we're not even getting rail safety right, and that should be the floor, not the ceiling. Norfolk Southern repairs lag at many main arteries, including the one between Toledo and Sandusky.

There's no reason for this other than pure greed. Over the past four years, Norfolk Southern has reaped more than \$31 billion in profits. You would think it would invest even a relatively small part of that enormous profit to protect its workers, its host communities, and the general public so that such disasters would not happen. But you'd be wrong.

The derailments in Sandusky and in East Palestine were not isolated events. In 2022, the Federal Railroad Administration reported more than 1,000 instances of trains derailing. Since last October's Sandusky crash, I've tried to reach Norfolk Southern's CEO. I want to discuss the bipartisan infrastructure law that Congress passed last summer. My colleagues and I want to hear his ideas for rail improvements across America's northern corridor from Pittsburgh through East Palestine, Sandusky, Toledo, and west to Illinois.

Members of Congress, both Democrat and Republican, representing this congested corridor are eager to address aging rail infrastructure, increased traffic, and easement separation of freight and passenger service. Yet Norfolk Southern's leadership won't even return our calls.

The stakes are too high for more delay. America's northern rail corridor is a critical access point for goods from Canada, our largest trading partner; it's equally critical for getting goods to and from our ports, which enable America to ship goods all over the world—and helped rejuvenate our auto and steel industry.

With the bipartisan infrastructure law funds, it's time to bring together rail workers, railroad executives, regional transit authorities, and state and federal agencies to discuss how to use this money. How do we ensure higher safety levels? What's the right mix of passenger and freight rail? Should we use smart cars with electric track or focus on traditional heavy rail? Should we elevate our trains or run them on the ground? These are just a few questions that need answers.

We need to connect to Detroit and Canada. We need to connect Detroit and Toledo to the deep-water ports along the Atlantic that allow for year-round container shipments. Providing our landlocked region steady access to deep-water ports would be a game-changer for America's industrial corridor. Addressing the very real health and safety issues for the impacted workers, residents, and communities in and around Sandusky and East Palestine is the immediate priority.

We must also look to the future and come together to protect workers and deliver transformative and safe commercial and passenger rail solutions. The tools are at our disposal. The money is there. And the time is now. Let's do what we in the industrial Midwest do best: let's get to work.

RECOGNIZING THE DELANO JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor two schools in the Delano Joint Union High School District (DJUHSD), which were recently selected as Exemplary Dual Enrollment Awardees by the California Department of Education.

Since 1911, the Delano Joint Union High School District has been committed to the academic excellence of students in the Central Valley. The district is one of the highest achieving in the state and focuses on preparing their students with the skills they need to be successful in a variety of careers. In addition to strong academics, DJUHSD provides their students with outstanding athletic and performing and visual arts programs. Delano High School and Robert F. Kennedy High School were both designated as Exemplary Dual Enrollment Schools and will hold the prestigious title for two years.

The California Department of Education's Exemplary Dual Enrollment program award was started to recognize school districts who provide successful dual credit opportunities to students, allowing them to receive college credits while still in high school. DJUHSD was selected as an awardee based on the demonstrated excellence of their dual enrollment program, which is provided through a partnership with Bakersfield College. The district was one of nine districts to receive the award.

The district's dual enrollment program offers students an opportunity to advance their education in a variety of different fields. Dual enrollment credits also provide students with a financial incentive, by allowing them to earn college credit without paying for the college course. The program's success has been made possible by the many teachers, counselors, and faculty across the district, whose contributions have helped to advance and expand the program to play a vital role in the Central Valley education system. The education heroes in our school districts are forging the next generation of industry leaders in our state.

I ask all my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Delano Joint Union High School District for receiving the California Department of Education's inaugural Exemplary Dual Enrollment Award.

RECOGNIZING LT. COLONEL RICHARD CAMERON ANSHUS FOR OUTSTANDING MILITARY SERVICE

HON. MIKE BOST

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lt. Colonel Richard Cameron Anshus, a Vietnam Veteran from O'Fallon, Illinois, with an extensive and rich military career.

Lt. Colonel Anshus graduated from West Point in 1970 and went into the service during the Vietnam War. His OH-6 helicopter was shot down by enemy fire during a reconnaissance mission; and he was captured and held as a Prisoner of War for 25 months, until he was liberated on March 27, 1973. Upon repatriation, Lt. Colonel Anshus continued his service. He worked at several bases around the United States and internationally, assisting in various operations. For eight years, Lt. Colonel Anshus was the Army Liaison Officer to the Air Mobility Command at Southern Illinois' Scott Air Force Base, where he retired in 1997.

For his bravery and service to country, Lt. Colonel Anshus has been awarded three Bronze Star Medals, two Purple Hearts, two Meritorious Service Medals, three Air Medals, two Army Commendation Medals, and a Prisoner of War Medal.

During his retirement, Lt. Colonel Anshus has been active member of his O'Fallon community. He is a lifetime member of O'Fallon's Sportsman Club, a member of First United Methodist Church, and a member of the O'Fallon Noon Rotary Club, where he has won several awards for his service.

Please join me in honoring Lt. Colonel Anshus for his dedicated service and all he has contributed to his country and community.

CONGRATULATING THE GREATER CINCINNATI CHAPTER OF THE MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA (MOAA)

HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Mr. WENSTRUP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Greater Cincinnati Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), which celebrates the 50th anniversary of its charter this month.

Over the past half-century this Chapter has served the Cincinnati metropolitan area, fostering community among retired, active, and former officers of the uniformed services and providing useful services for them and their families.

Since March 1973, the Chapter has been a leading advocate for all personnel of the uniformed services. Its members have served faithfully as MOAA's ambassadors, supporting programs that make a difference in the lives of others, going the extra step to give back to our community, Ohio, and our Nation in the truest sense of servant leadership. I am proud to be a member of this Chapter.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues join me in congratulating the Greater Cincinnati Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America, and extending our very best wishes for its continued success.

**COSPONSORSHIP OF H.R. 830—HELP
COPAYS ACT**

HON. JAKE AUCHINCLOSS

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Mr. AUCHINCLOSS. Mr. Speaker, I have cosponsored H.R. 830, the HELP Copays Act, to ensure that patients have affordable access to lifesaving care, prescription medication, and treatments. This bill would require health insurance plans to apply third-party payments, financial assistance, discounts, and other reductions in out-of-pocket expenses for an enrollee toward their cost-sharing requirements. I support this bipartisan effort to reduce out-of-pocket spending on prescription drugs.

Should the bill move forward in the legislative process, I recommend limiting its provisions to drugs without a generic competitor. This ensures that patients who only have access to one expensive, branded drug to treat their condition can access payment assistance from manufacturers, but also incentivizes the use of lower-cost, generic drugs when possible. Narrowing the bill in this manner would prevent pharmaceutical manufacturers from abusing copay assistance programs to steer patients toward branded drugs that burden our healthcare system as a whole. I urge Congress to move forward with this proposal to provide relief to patients who may be forced to delay lifesaving care due to high cost-sharing and copay requirements.

**RECOGNIZING KEVIN P. DONOVAN,
A.O.H. PAUL “HOOK” O’MALLEY
DIVISION 4 MAN OF THE YEAR**

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Kevin P. Donovan, who will be named the 2023 Man of the Year by the Ancient Order of Hibernians Paul “Hook” O’Malley Division 4. Kevin will be honored at their annual gathering this very day.

Kevin is the son of Marian Elizabeth Lockard Donovan and the late Daniel John Donovan. He was raised with his eight siblings in the Keyser Valley section of West Scranton. He grew up attending St. David’s Church and playing baseball at the Lackawanna Little League. He was selected to play on the All-Star team and helped lead the team to several championship titles.

Kevin is a 1987 graduate of West Scranton Senior High School. While at West Scranton, he stood out as a member of the cross country and track and field teams. He clinched numerous district medals, including second place in the district cross country championship meet. He was also the Jordan Relays champion in track and the southern division track champion. He still holds several records in

both track and cross country at West Scranton High School. He was a two-time state qualifier as well as a member of the varsity wrestling team.

Kevin has worked as a roofer for Local No. 30 out of Philadelphia for 30 years. He currently works for the Lackawanna County Housing Authority SEIU Local No. 668.

Kevin is a more than 30-year member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and a current officer in the Paul “Hook” O’Malley Division 4. He is a dedicated volunteer with many community charitable organizations and a parishioner at St. Patrick’s church where he is a member of the Holy Name Society.

Kevin is married to Michelle Lynch Donovan, and they have three children, Kevin, Kacey and Liam. He is also the proud grandfather of his grandson Braydon.

I am honored to join with the Ancient Order of Hibernians Paul “Hook” O’Malley Division 4 to recognize Kevin as the Man of the Year for his lifelong service to the community. May he continue to feel called to serve and support others.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Ms. CHU. Mr. Speaker, on March 22, 2023, I was unable to cast my vote on H. Res. 1159—To amend the Taiwan Assurance Act of 2020 to require periodic reviews and updated reports relating to the Department of State’s Taiwan Guidelines.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 145.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALEXANDER X. MOONEY

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Mr. MOONEY. Mr. Speaker, due to illness, I was unable to be present on March 22nd.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 144, and YEA on Roll Call No. 145.

**HONORING THE LIFE OF DR.
MICHAEL ALLEN**

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate Dr. Michael Allen, who passed away on February 25, 2023, in Santa Monica, California. He was a beloved husband, father, and grandfather and a distinguished professor at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA).

Michael Allen was born on April 1, 1941, in East Sussex, England to Frederick “Jack” Allen and Ena Muriel Allen. As a young boy, Michael excelled in school, becoming one of the top students at his grammar school and eventually enrolling at Wadham College, Ox-

ford University. After receiving his Bachelors and Masters degrees at Oxford, Michael made his way to the United States, teaching at Ohio University. In 1970, he received his doctorate at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, where he also met his wife, Elena. That same year, Michael received a job offer to serve on the faculty at UCLA.

Michael quickly distinguished himself as a professor and scholar. While his teaching focused on the range of English literature from the Anglo-Saxons to Milton, his research focused on the philosophical, theological, and mythological issues raised by fifteenth century Italian Platonists. Throughout his time at UCLA, Michael served as a faculty lecturer with the UCLA Travel Study program. He also took on many leadership positions at UCLA and wrote or edited approximately 21 books. By the time he retired in 2012, Michael had received many prestigious honors, including the Eby Award for Undergraduate Teaching, UCLA’s top teaching honor.

Michael dedicated his life to academia and his family. He was a sought-after lecturer, enthralling audiences with engrossing lectures and discussions on philosophical and literary topics. He inspired generations of UCLA students as he made past worlds and perspectives come alive through his lectures, courses, and books. He loved hiking, botany, cooking, traveling, literature and most of all, his family. Michael was an inspiration to so many people and touched so many lives with his intellectual curiosity and love of storytelling. His loss will be felt by his friends, family, and the many communities he has affected.

Michael is survived by his wife, Elena; sister, Patricia; sons, Ben and Will; daughters-in-law, Claudia and Melanie; three grandchildren, and a dog. May his memory live on in his many contributions to his community and family.

**INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION
TO RECOGNIZE THE COMMENCEMENT OF RAMADAN, THE MUSLIM HOLY MONTH OF FASTING AND SPIRITUAL RENEWAL, AND COMMENDING MUSLIMS IN THE UNITED STATES AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD FOR THEIR FAITH**

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I am proud, as the longest serving Muslim in Congress, to introduce legislation to recognize the commencement of Ramadan, the Muslim holy month of fasting and spiritual renewal, and wish Muslims around the world a Ramadan Mubarak! I thank the endorsing organizations that joined this important resolution: Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), Islamic Relief, and the Muslim Public Affairs Council.

I am honored to partner with my Muslim colleagues, Rep. RASHIDA TLAIB and Rep. ILHAN OMAR to introduce this resolution in the House of Representatives to recognize Ramadan and the various contributions of Muslims in the U.S. and worldwide. Ramadan is of great importance to Muslim Americans and 1.9 million Muslims globally. We are reminded during this